

Yard Waste

The Department of the Public Works would like to remind you of policies pursuant to the proper storage and collection of residential yard waste...

Yard Waste shall be placed out with solid waste. Avoid fines do not place out before 3:30 the day before solid waste pick up.

Sec V(A)(3) - Acceptable yard waste shall be tied in standard bundles not to exceed 75 pounds and/or three(3) feet in length. Other acceptable yard waste, such as leaves, shall be placed out for collection in paper yard waste bags or rubbish containers labeled "Yard Waste" (stickers available at the Municipal Service Center 870 Hammond St or the Town Hall 4th floor).

Acceptable Materials

- Leaves
 - Grass clippings
 - Shrub trimmings
 - Plant cuttings
 - Tree branches, limbs and vines
- *(not exceeding 3 inches in diameter or 3 foot length)

Unacceptable Materials

- Sand
- Soil
- Sod
- Logs
- Rocks
- Stumps and trunks

Compost Bins

To assist you in your efforts, home composting bins may be purchased at a discounted price of \$40 from the Municipal Service Center 870 Hammond Street.
Call (617)879 -4900 for more information

UPDATE ON THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS WITH YARD WASTE

On July 3rd, federal officials from the U.S.Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the presence of the Asian long horned beetle (ALB) in six trees on the grounds of Faulkner Hospital in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood close to the Brookline border. The trees were removed and ground into chips to eliminate any adult beetles or larvae. The potential presence of the ALB in our community is of significant concern. The

Parks and Open Space Division is working in cooperation with the USDA and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to investigate the source and extent of the infestation. The ALB is an invasive pest that grows and reproduces within healthy and stressed deciduous hardwood tree species, such as maple, birch, horse chestnut, poplar, willow, elm, and ash. The beetle eventually kills the host tree. Several thousand trees have already been inspected and to date no additional infestations have been found. As part of the inspection and eradication process, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) officials have declared a regulated area around the site where the infested trees were found. The area extends in a 1.5-mile radius from the site. No wood or wood products are allowed to leave that area. A map of the area can be viewed below. For Brookline residents that have town sanitation services, woody debris that is greater than ½" in diameter and under 4' in length can be collected curbside. It should be separated from standard leaf/ grass clipping waste. For property owners not on town sanitation services or clearing limbs greater than 4' in length a drop off area will be set up in the regulated area. Contractors must be trained to properly handle this woody debris To report suspicious tree damage, view photographs and videos of tree damage, or read about the Asian long horned beetle, visit www.mass.gov/agr/alb.htm or call the toll-free Asian long horned beetle hotline at 866-702-9938. You can also look up more information at these sites

<http://massnrc.org/pests/alb>

or [http://](http://www.beetlebusters.info)

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or at the Parks and Open Space Division website,

www.brooklinema.gov/Parks